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BRZESOWSKY

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**IN THE SHANGHAI  
 PROVISIONAL COURT**  
 Chinese Civil Case No. 5788-P.  
**CHI YIN CHEN (陳寅陳)**  
 vs.  
**Dr. R. F. BAERN-BRANOWSKY**  
**PUBLIC SUMMONS**  
**THIS is to notify Dr. R. F. Baern-Branowsky that the above action is pending before this Court and judgment will be rendered as in case of default unless he appears before this Court within 20 days from date.**  
 Shanghai, September 21st, 1929.

*JR*  
*C.I.D. Ray*  
*Please attach*  
*to file concerned*  
*JR*

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 (FOREIGN SECTION)  
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G. I. D. HALL  
No. 1. 0. D. 19.....  
Date.....9.3.19

March 9, 9

Dear Colonel,

With reference to your letters dated February 8, 16 and 19 on the subject of one Rolf Henkl, I forward herewith for your information copies of letters addressed by the latter to Dr. G.R. v.Kreitner in Haugchow, copy of his Curriculum Vitae, copies of Police reports dated March 5 and 7 respectively re Rolf Henkl and Dr. Brzesowsky and copy of Dr. Brzesowsky's advertisement.

I return the photograph of Rolf Henkl.

Yours sincerely,



Lieut. Col. G.H.R. Halland, O.B.E.,  
North China Command.





C.I.D. HEADQUARTERS  
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

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Can you ascertain if  
there is any connection  
between Von Kreitzer &  
a man named Bogosowski,  
who applied for work  
in S.H.P. also between  
one Henkel & Von K.

See me in E.

10/2 Day

Inst Robertson



HONGKONG POLICE  
 C. I. D. REGISTRY  
 No. 10,000.....  
 Date..... 1. 3. 29.

(C.I.D.) Office Notes

A. V. C. C.

see also  
D. 257.

Dr Robert Brzesowsky is an  
 Austrian Jew and is said to have  
 obtained his medical diploma at Prague.  
 He has been residing in Shanghai from  
 time to time during the past three years  
 during which period he travelled once  
 to Europe, 1926/7, via Siberia when he  
 was absent about 10 months. On two  
 occasions he travelled to London.  
 It is alleged that he has connections  
 with the Bolsheviks and each time  
 he returns to Shanghai is always flush  
 with money. He opened a hospital at  
 98 Rue Massonnet with funds alleged to  
 have been received from the Bolsheviks.  
 He ran up debts, fell into financial  
 difficulties, sold off the hospital together  
 with some other private property which did  
 not belong to him and for which the  
 French Police authorities issued a summons  
 against him.

After returning from Europe he opened  
 a medical cabinet at No 20 Museum Road  
 and a watch maintained over these  
 premises for a month disclosed that  
 no patients or sick persons ever visited him.  
 Dr Brzesowsky writes Russian and  
 states that he was a doctor in Russia  
 in the Czarist regime. He is reported  
 to be connected with a mine producing

metalliferous somewhere in the region  
of Nanking in company with a Russian  
named Nikolai Marinitch whose  
wife cohabits with Dr. Bregouevsky.  
This woman travelled with him to Europe  
and is at present cohabiting with him.  
His wife, from whom he is stated to be  
divorced, resides in Paris with her  
family. He owes money to numerous  
persons - Russians in Shanghai  
and is not trusted.

Dr. Gustav Von Kreitzer  
informed me that he did not  
know Bregouevsky personally  
although he had heard of him.

John Hoar

SR 4<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> March  
1929

W. H.  
7:30 PM

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In the Russian advertisement  
this Dr. adopts the Russian name  
BEREZOWSKY.

File No. ....

(C.I.D.) Office Notes

March 7, 1929

A/L.C.I.

With reference to the attached report by Clerical Assistant Cook it has not been found possible to see Wolf Henkl's passport.

*H. Robertson*  
D.I.

*W.S.*  
*7:30 PM*

*For Sec:*  
*Please see me in*  
*7/3. Sec*

## (C.I.D.) Office Notes

o V. V. C. O. I.

The records of the passenger lists in the local office of the German Norddeutscher Lloyd Steamship Co. show that an Austrian named Rudolph Rolf Henkl boarded their steamer, the s.s. "Coblenz," at Colon, India on November 24<sup>th</sup> 1928 for Shanghai. According to arrangements when booking his ticket, the local office of the above company was to arrange the necessary connections to enable Henkl to proceed to Japan, but he failed to make arrangements, although he gave the passport department here to understand, on his arrival, that he intended to proceed to that country. He received no letter from Austria containing money advanced to him as of the office of the above mentioned shipping company. The clerk at the passenger department asserts that the individual shown in the attached photograph is not Henkl.

Henkl took up his residence at 1076 Route des Seigns and Germans who are personally acquainted with him state that he receives a remittance of monthly money from home through the Austrian Consul - Mr. F. Winkler.

Henkl entered the employ of the Austrian firm "Machius" (W.O. Machius) 6 Kiangso Road, which supplies steel for Chinese arsenals etc. On January 1<sup>st</sup> 1929 he removed to Room 403, Foreign J.M.C.A., Bubbling Well Road to which institution he was recommended by an Italian named Tomasi. Mr. Ruff, Secretary of the Foreign J.M.C.A. states that Henkl is not the same person as that shown in the photograph.

On February 20<sup>th</sup> Henkl applied to Messrs Bickhoff & Co. to take care of his board, in reply to an advertisement for a position, which however he was unable to fulfill owing to his lack of knowledge of the English language for commercial purposes. Simultaneously enquiries made by Mr. Gurn of Bickhoff & Co. at "Moshies" showed that Henkl was terminating his services with this latter firm for the same reason. He informed Mr. Buri that he had come to Shanghai direct from India where he had held a position <sup>with a tea and rubber export company</sup> for one year after which he had the option to return home or come out East. He added that his father was an Austrian naval officer and gave the following persons as references: - F. Winkler, Austrian Consul and Kiehlack, Meissen & Co. 60 Kiangse Road. Mr. Buri, on being shown the photograph, thought there was a resemblance but finally failed to recognize Henkl as the same individual as shown in the photograph.

Here Gustav van Kreitner stated that Mr. F. Winkler, the Austrian Consul approached him with the request to help find a job for Henkl. Attached herewith are Henkl's letters addressed to Van Kreitner confirming Van Kreitner's statement. This gentleman saw Henkl on two occasions only and he informed me that he does not trust Henkl's looks. Furthermore, he stated that Henkl told him his father was an admiral, but in his curriculum vitae he refers to his father as high officer of the Austrian navy. Henkl also said he had been an aviator during the war, but in his curriculum vitae he styles himself as observation officer. Van Kreitner said that the photograph was such a poor one he was unable to recognize Henkl.

Henkl at present is giving lessons in German language to Judge Liang of the Provisional Court.

John F. Cook.

M.R. 3  
7-29  
March 5, 1929.

Translation.  
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**Address**

**Foreign Y.M.C.A.**

**38 Bubbling Well Rd.**

**Shanghai.**

**Rolf Henkl**

**Curriculum Vitae.**

I was born in Vienna, Austria, on 14-12-1897 as the son of a high officer in the Austrian Navy. My ancestors for the last three generations held high positions in the Navy. After graduation from the Gymnasiums (in Vienna and in Switzerland) I studied philosophy (Orientalistic, Sinologie) for 1 year and completed my high school education in "Bauhaus" in Weimar. During the war I served as an officer in the 3rd Uhlansen Regiment serving for several years at the front and was engaged in the Italian and Rumanian offensives. I was then transferred to the General Staff and obtained the extensive task of organizing, in the Venetian Province, District authorities and establishing the Field Police. As this territory was not lying far from the front and was occupied by a large number of troops and civilian population the task was one of great responsibility. After being engaged for six months as a District officer I was transferred to the Flying Corps and was engaged in several enemy flights (photographic Service) and air fights. I was wounded several times and obtained a number of distinctions. During my activity as a District officer I was in charge of a large bureau, attachment of Field Police, spy service and an agricultural Department, etc. I was specially praised by the Army field command. After the war I was engaged in various occupations, among others, as a bank clerk,

as editor in Rome and a journalist in Berlin and Paris. In the last occupation I was in charge of several German organs appearing in Paris (The Chroniques du Jour and Pariser Kurier) the policy of which supported an approachment between Germany and France. I have a perfect knowledge of the important languages (German, French, Italian and English) and hope with my abilities as an organizer to be of service in the re-building of China. I may add that I spent the greater part of last year in India to study the movements there.

Shanghai 26.12.1928

(signed) Rolf Henkl.



CURRICULUM VITAE

Ich bin in Wien, Oesterreich, am 14.XII.1897 als Sohn eines k. u. k. Offiziers der oesterreichischen Kriegsmarine geboren. Meine Vorfahren bekleideten seit drei Generationen in der Marine hohe Posten.

Nach Absolvierung des Gymnasiums (in Wien und in der Schweiz) studierte ich ein Jahr Philosophie (Orientalistik, Sinologie) und vollendete meine Hochschulbildung an "Hannovers" in Weimar.

Im Kriege diente ich als Offizier i. III. Ul. Infanterie, leistete mehrere Jahre Frontdienst und machte die rumaenische und italienische Offensive mit. Dann wurde ich zum Generalstab kommandiert und erhielt die umfangreiche organisatorische Aufgabe, in einer Provinz des besetzten Venetiens die Bezirksverwaltung und die Feldpolizei einzurichten. Da dieses Territorium nicht weit hinter der Front lag, und ebenso von grossen Truppenmassen wie von Zivilbevölkerung besetzt war, war meine Aufgabe ebenso schwierig wie verantwortungsvoll.

Nach sechsmonatiger Thätigkeit als Bezirksamtschef wurde ich zur Fliegertruppe versetzt und absolvierte eine Reihe von Feindflügen (Notdienst) und Luftkämpfen. Ich wurde mehrfach verwundet und erhielt eine Reihe von Auszeichnungen.

Fuer meine Thätigkeit als Bezirksamtschef, in welcher ich ein umfangreiches Bureau, eine Abteilung der Feldpolizei und des Spionagedienstes, eine landwirtschaftliche Abteilung usw. leitete, wurde ich von Armeegruppenkommando besonders beliebt.

Nach dem Kriege arbeitete ich in den verschiedensten Berufen, so z.B. als Bankbeamter, als Verlagsdirektor in Rom, als Journalist in Berlin und Paris.

In letzter Eigenschaft leitete ich mehrere in Paris deutsch erscheinende Organe (Les chroniques du jour, Pariser Kurier), deren politischer Teil die Annäherung Deutschlands und Frankreichs unterstützte.

Ich beherrsche perfekt die grossen Sprachen (Deutsch, französisch, italienisch,

englisch) und hoffe, mich meinen organisatorischen Faehigkeiten genaess beim Wiederaufbau in China betaeltigen zu koennen.

Ich fuege noch hinzu, dass ich dieses Jahr zum gressen Teil in Indien verbrachte, um die dortigen Bewegungen zu studieren.

Shanghai, den 26.XII.1928

Rolf Leub

NAME.

R. Henkel

SUBJECT.

to day's  
conversation  
with Mr.  
Baker, Gordon  
Road

P.O. registers

**Rolf HENKL**  
FOREIGN Y. M. C. A. OF SHANGHAI  
38 SUBSLING WELL ROAD  
Room 403

Sh'ai 1-1-29

Wertes Doktor,  
meine Adresse ist  
setzt die obige.

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Rolf HENKL

FOREIGN U. M. C. A. OF SHANGHAI

38 BUBBLING WELL ROAD

Room 403

Sh'ai 1-1-29

Werte Doktor,

Meine Adresse ist jetzt  
die obige.

Ergebenst

R Henkl

Translation.

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Shanghai, 26. 12. 28.

Dear Doctor,

Enclosed I hand you a brief Curriculum Vitae.  
Further I ask you to take note that my address from January  
1, 1929 is Foreign Y.M.C.A. 38 Bubbling Well Road, Shanghai.

Accept my heartiest thanks

Yours truly,

(signed) Rolf Henkl.

Dr. G.R. v. Kreitner

Hangchow (Shanghai)

I enclosure.

Shanghai, den 26.XII.1928

Sehr geehrter Herr Dekter,

in der Anlage ueberreiche ich Ihnen ein kurzes Curriculum vitae.

Weiters erlaube ich mir Sie aufmerksam zu machen, dass meine Adresse  
ab 1/1 29 lautet:

Foreign Y.M.C.A.

38 Bubbling Well road, Shanghai.

Mit dem besten Dank im Voraus, bleibe ich

Ihr ergebener



Hw. Herrn  
Dr.G.R.v.Kreitner  
Hangechow (Shanghai)

1 Beilage

Translation.  
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Shanghai 26 December.

Dr. G.R.V. Kreitzer, Hangchow

Dear Doctor,

I inform you herewith that I have sent to-day to your address, 202 Avenue Foch, a Curriculum Vitae. Further please take note that my address from January 1, 1929 is Foreign Y.M.C.A. 38 Bubbling Well Road, Shanghai.

With best thanks for your kindness

Yours faithfully,

(signed) Ralph Henkl



Shanghai den 26.XII.1928

Hw. Herrn Dr. G.R.v.Kreitner, Hangchow

Sehr geehrter Herr Doktor,

der Ordnung halber verstaendige ich Sie auch nach Hangchow, dass ich heute  
an Ihre Adresse 404 Avenue Foch ein Curriculum vitae einsandte.

Weiters bitte ich zu notieren, dass meine Adresse ab 1/1 29 "Foreign Y.M.C.A.,  
38 Bubbling Well road, Shanghai, lautet.

Mit bestem Dank fuer Ihre Liebenswuerdigkeiten, bleibe

ich Ihr ergebener

R. Kreitner

Translation.

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29. II. 28.

Rolf Henkl

76 Route des Secours

Shanghai.

Sir,

I have heard occasionally about you and your activity from Consul Winkler. I am a former Austrian flying officer, have a thorough knowledge of English, French, Italian and German and have experience in various occupations, among others, anything in connection with press matters. In case an opportunity for a position with the Chinese Government or Provincial Authorities should come to your knowledge for a good organizer, soldier or merchant, I would be obliged, even if your answer be in the negative, if you would express your opinion about it.

With best thanks for your kindness.

(signed) Rolf Henkl.

Rolf Henckl  
76, route des Sœurs,  
Shanghai

29 11 28

Sehr geehrter Herr.

Bei Herrn Konsul Winkler hoerte ich zufaellig von Ihnen und Ihrer  
Taetigkeit. Ich bin ein ehemaliger Oesterreichischer Fliegeroffizier,  
beherrsche das Englische, Franzoesische, Italienische und Deutsche  
und habe Erfahrung in verschiedenen Berufen, u.a. z.B. im Pressesfach.  
Bietet sich, soweit Sie es uebersehen koennen, eine Chance, bei der  
chinesischen Regierung, oder bei der Verwaltung der Provinzen, eine  
Position zu erhalten, die ein guter Organisator, Soldat, Kaufmann, aus-  
fuellen koennte? Ich waere Ihnen sehr verbunden, wenn Sie, auch im negati-  
ven Fall, die grosse Freundlichkeit haben wuerden, mir postwendend Ihre  
Meinung darueber bekannt zu geben.

Mit bestem Dank im voraus bleibe ich Ihr ergebener

Rolf Henckl

6.XV & Chance; Generaldaten = Wohnungsan-  
forderung für alle Fälle.

SECRET and  
PERSONAL.

H. B. M. Consulate-General,  
Shanghai.

19th. February, 1929.

My dear Aiers,

In continuation of our personal correspondence on the subject of Rolf Henkl, I have received information by telegram from India that there is no record of any one of this name having visited India. This makes the matter still more suspicious as the passports of all Germans and Austrians are carefully examined in India at ports of entry and their movements are reported on in the Weekly Police Abstracts of Intelligence. Would it be possible for you to have a look at Henkl's passport and ascertain whether it bears any endorsements or examination marks by the Police and Passport Authorities in India. Prima facie it would appear that Henkl never visited India or that he travelled in that country under a different name.

Yours sincerely,

*C. H. A. Hall*

R. C. Aiers, Esq.,  
Assistant Commissioner of Police,  
Shanghai Municipal Police,  
SHANGHAI.

SECRET and  
PERSONAL

H. B. M. Consulate-General,  
Shanghai.

16th. February, 1929.

My dear Aiers,

With reference to my Secret and Personal letter dated the 8th. of February, 1929, on the subject of Rolf Henkl, I send you herewith a copy of the photograph of Gustav Fochler Hanke, whom I originally thought might be identical with Henkl. The photograph is not a very good one but it may assist you in deciding whether Hanke and Henkl are one and the same person. Would you kindly return the photograph when done with?

Yours sincerely,

*C. H. Halland*

R. C. Aiers, Esq.,

Assistant Commissioner of Police,

Criminal Investigation Department,

Shanghai Municipal Police,

SHANGHAI.

**SECRET and**  
**PERSONAL.**

H. B. M. Consulate-General,  
Shanghai.

8th. February, 1929.

My dear Aiers,

I am returning herewith under separate cover the papers which you kindly sent me about Rolf Henkl and Robert Brzesowsky as I am anxious that it should not be known to anyone but yourself that I am in any way interested in these gentlemen.

As regards Henkl I am making enquiries from India as it is stated that he was recently in that country. When you mentioned him to me a few days ago I thought he might be identical with a suspicious individual named Gustav Fochler Hanke, regarding whom I wrote to your department about the 19th. of April, 1927, shortly after my arrival in Shanghai. As I had not then started a regular office I apparently did not keep a copy of my letter, though I have a brief note to the effect that the Shanghai Municipal Police had been informed about Hanke's departure from India and the possibility of his arriving in Shanghai via Malaya, Indo-China and Hongkong. Now that I have seen the papers about both Hanke and Henkl there seems little reason to suppose that these men are identical, but there is I think a photograph of Hanke in the Military Intelligence Department and

I am asking the latter to let me have this. When received I will bring it over and show it to you. Would you very kindly let me know personally what relations exist between Henkl and von Kreitner and to what extent the latter appears to be interested in obtaining employment for Henkl in the Shanghai Municipal C.I.D.

Would you also kindly let me know whether you have definitely decided not to employ Robert Brzesowsky and whether you have any reasons to suppose that there is any connection between Brzesowsky and von Kreitner? If you have no information on this point I should be very grateful if you would kindly have discreet enquiries made in the matter. I think it would be in your own interests to do this as we have definite information that von Kreitner is engaged on behalf of Colonel Bauer in the collection of information regarding the various Intelligence Services in Shanghai and he is stated to be assisted in this work by two trusted Chinese and a White Russian. You know, of course, that von Kreitner was at one time a high police official in Vienna and in view of Brzesowsky's record it seems quite likely that he may have been connected with von Kreitner in police or intelligence work in Europe. He may even be the "White Russian" mentioned above. If my information is correct that von Kreitner is engaged on contra-espionage work in Shanghai, it is quite likely that he would attempt to obtain em-

ployment for some of his own men in the Municipal  
C.I.D.

Please do not send this letter  
into your office.

Yours sincerely,

*C. H. Hall*

R. C. Aiers, Esq.,

Assistant Commissioner of Police,

Criminal Investigation Department,

Shanghai Municipal Police,

SHANGHAI.